

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mitsunori TOYODA et al.

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation of 10/223,607 filed August 20, 2002

Filed: March 11, 2004

Docket No.: 113485.01

For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND  
METHOD OF EXPOSURE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**